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William F. Caton  
Acting Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Room 222  
Washington, D.C. 20554


Re: PP Docket No. 93-253: Competitive Bidding

Dear Mr. Caton:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules, this letter serves as notice of an ex-parte communication in the above-referenced proceeding. Yesterday afternoon, Lauren Battaglia, Geraldine Reynolds and Jeffrey Keffer, all of EON Corporation, along with James F. Rogers of this office and the undersigned met with Brian F. Fontes of Commissioner Quello's office. During the meeting, discussion was held concerning the need to initiate use of competitive bidding procedures to issue remaining licenses in the Interactive Video and Data Service ("IVDS") as soon as possible. The materials attached hereto were distributed and used during the meeting.

Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Raymond B. Grochowski  
of LATHAM & WATKINS

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